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Following is text of Saigon 16388 NODIS sent to Ambassador Porter and Sullivan. It will be delivered via USDEL but thought you might want to have it for possible work during flight.

JCS review completed.

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"1. Regarding draft agreement concerning four-party joint military commission contained reftel, I suggest that 'interdict' be substituted for 'control' in first sentence of Article 2. 'Control' has broad connotations which could be interpreted as restricting the GVN more than we intend. 'Interdict' would, I think, convey precisely the sense that Armed Forces are not to be used to obstruct the flow of commerce and the freedom of movement of persons.

"2. Also, in Article 2, I recommend that in place of 'provincial and national routes and waterways' in sentence 2 the phrase 'all routes and waterways' be used. To specify provincial and national routes and waterways would be implication deprive the many smaller roads, canals, and streams which are important to the economy of rural Vietnam of the protection of this sentence."

Warm regards,

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